# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Fire continues to be a major threat to all citizens, young and old; and,

WHEREAS, The majority of people killed in fires each year in the United States, die in their own homes; and,

WHEREAS, Present day technology and the availability of fire prevention and protection information can minimize the chance of loss of life and property because of fire; and,

WHEREAS, An important and inexpensive home fire protection feature is the installation and periodic inspection of smoke detectors on each level of the home; and,

WHEREAS, Across the country, residential sprinklers have been recognized for their value in protecting life and property from fire; and,

WHEREAS, The developing and practicing of a home fire escape plan, with two ways out identified for each room, can prepare families in advance to act quickly to escape from a home fire; and,

WHEREAS, The fire service of South Dakota is dedicated to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire; and,

WHEREAS, Those members of the fire service are joined by other citizens from their communities; as well as businesses, schools, service clubs, and organizations in their fire prevention efforts; and,

WHEREAS, The local efforts of the fire service are supported by the activities of organizations like the National Fire Protection Association, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Internation Association of Fire Fighters, the National Volunteer Fire Council, the International Society of Fire Service Instructors, the Fire Marshals Association of North America, and all the members of the Joint Council of National Fire Service Organizations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 4-10, 1987, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in South Dakota. This week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, in which 250 people were killed, 100,000 left homeless, and more than 17,400 buildings were destroyed. I call upon the people of this state to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work and school; and, as the Fire Prevention Week theme for 1987 suggests, "Play It Safe...Plan Your Escape."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAMILTON, SECRETARY OF STATE